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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated July 21, 2009, applicants hereby elect the species of Group II for examination in this patent application. The elected species includes Claims 5-8 and Claim 10 directed to a lining support plate.

This election is made with traverse for the following reasons. The non-elected Claims 1-4 and 9 of Group I are directed to a method of producing a lining support plate including features essentially similar to those recited in Claims 5-8 and 10. The inventions of Group I and Group II are also linked by the features recited in the dependent claims. Further, applicants submit that Claims 1-4 and 9 do not require a separate field of search and can be easily examined in the same case.

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